

MASS STORAGE DATA PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR A GAMING MACHINE  
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A mass storage data protection system for use with a mass storage device in a gaming machine to protect the mass storage device from unauthorized commands.

The mass storage data protection system includes a mass storage device command latch, a  
5 timing circuit for timing signals between the mass storage device command latch and the  
mass storage device, a comparator and a comparator command register in communication  
with the comparator. The comparator command register includes commands that  
generate a fault within the mass storage data protection system such that when the  
comparator receives a command from the mass storage device command latch  
10 corresponding to the command within the comparator command register, a fault is  
generated within the mass storage command latch.